

Yellowknife Community Audit 1977

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Location

275 mi/442 km south of the Arctic Circle.
114 degrees 26 minutes west
62 degrees 28 minutes north
Elevation: 600 feet.

Distance to Major Cities

	Air Miles/km	Highway miles/km
Hay River	125/201	307/494
Fort Smith	190/306	465/748
Fort Simpson	230/370	395/636
Inuvik	680/1094	—
Edmonton	600/965	947/1524
Vancouver	1121/1793	1498/2410
Winnipeg	1062/1699	1782/2867

Population	City of Yellowknife	Northwest Territories
1965	3,500	30,000
1970	6,500	34,800
1975	9,100	41,000
1977	10,500	46,400
1981	12,800	53,600
1986	15,900	66,500
2001	27,900	116,300
Trading Area: 21,000		

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Arctic Summer
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Yellowknife, Capital of the Northwest Territories

Climate:

Similar in its extremes to the climate of southern Canada. The differences are light rainfall, a shorter summer with longer days and a considerably longer period of temperatures below freezing.

Hours of sunshine: Spring and Summer 20 hours, Autumn 12 hours, Winter 6 hours.

Annual precipitation: 10 inches/254 mm.

Rainfall: 5.67 inches/143.5 mm.

Snowfall: 43.3/1099.82 mm.

Temperature: F/C F/C

January mean High -10/-23.4 low -25/-32

July mean High 68.8/20.4 low 52.3/11.3

Prevailing winds: easterly, velocity 10.2 mph.

Holidays and Events:

January: New Year's Day

February:

March: Caribou Carnival, Canadian Championship Dog Derby, Dog Derby Sweepstakes.

April: Easter Bonspiel

May: Victoria Day

June: Midnight Sun Golf Tournament, Canada Week

July: Dominion Day, Fastball Tournament.

August: Civic Holiday

September: Labour Day, Fall Fair

October: Thanksgiving

November: Remembrance Day

December: Christmas

Transportation

Air: 7,500 and 5,000 foot asphalt strips, low frequency range, non directional beacon, maintenance garages, lighted runways, terminal building, float base.

Scheduled interprovincial airlines: Pacific Western (Edmonton) and Transair (Winnipeg). For detailed information on local and charter airlines, see Current Explorers Guide published by TravelArctic, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Road: Mackenzie Highway all weather gravel road connection with Edmonton. Bus service three times weekly. Road closed up to a month during breakup (April/May) and freezeup (November/December) of Mackenzie River. (ferry service summer, ice road, winter).

Water: NTCL barge from Hay River, June to October, freight only.

Government of the Northwest Territories:

all departments 873-2611

Government of Canada:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
873-4421

Department of Energy, Mines and Resources

Department of Justice

Department of Manpower and Immigration

Department of National Health and Welfare

Department of Public Works

Ministry of Transport

Environment Canada

Department of National Defence

Communications Canada

Public Service Commission

Canada Post

RCMP

Yellowknife, Capital of the Northwest Territories

City of Yellowknife

(403) 873-2671
Revenue: taxable assessment 1977 \$65.6 million
Mill rate: 100% base, Residential 29.0, Townhouses, apartments and mobile parks 33.0, non-residential 40.0.
Sales Tax: none.
Area within city limits: 34,240 acres/1289.6 hectares.
Zoned industrial sites: 200 acres/80 hectares.

Police Force:
Bylaw enforcement officers 4. RCMP: G Division, Headquarters 31, Yellowknife subdivision 16, Yellowknife detachment 18.

Fire Department:
873-3434 - Full time 7, volunteers 32.

Communications:
CNT Microwave, Direct Distance Dialing, Telex, Mobile: YJ.

Medical:
Hospital: Stanton Yellowknife, 78 beds, staff: 75.
Medical Clinics: 6.
Dental Clinics: 1.
Dentists: 3.
Medical Practitioners: 14, Ophthalmologist, Optometrist, Chiropractor.
Veterinarian.

Services:
Electricity: Producer NCPG, distributor Plains Western
Capacity: 14,000KW
Rates:
Residential Commercial
First 75 KWH \$5.25 First 50 KWH \$4.00
ea. addnl. KWH 4.4 cents ea. addnl. KWH 5.8 cents
Water: City of Yellowknife, piped, chlorinated and fluoridated, old town surface pipe in summer, truck system in winter.
Sewer: City of Yellowknife, piped new town, truck system, old town.
Fuel: Heating oil, \$0.60 gal.
Propane, \$5.34 - 20 lb. bottle. \$17.35 - 100 lb. bottle.
Gasoline (leaded) \$1.06 gal. Unleaded also available.
Aviation Fuel: 80/87, 100/130, turbo, JP4.

Schools:
Local school boards
Elementary/Secondary: 3, (Kindergarden-grade 8)
Parochial: 1 (Kindergarden-grade 12)
Academic/Vocational: 1, (Grade 9-12)
Special Schools: 1
Universities: none

Accommodation:
Hotels/Motels: 6/400 beds
Campsites: 82 sites
Trailer facilities.

Parks and Picnic Areas:
Bristol Monument, Petitot Park, McNiven Beach, Long Lake Beach,

Playgrounds:
Lions, Latham Island, Matonabee, Long Lake Beach.

Recreation:
Ice Arena, Curling rink, Tennis, 4 Ball parks, Cross country ski trails, downhill ski area, boating, canoeing, walking trails, fishing, 2 movie theatres, 9 hole golf course, indoor pool, 50 recreational clubs and associations.

Museum: opening 1978
Library: Yellowknife Public Library
Restaurants/cafeterias: 11 - ice cream parlours 2.
Bars: 8 - with entertainment 4.

Banks:
Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Toronto-Dominion Bank, North of 60 Credit Union, Laurentide Financial Services, Federal Business Development Bank, Royal Bank of Canada.

Churches:
Anglican, Baha'i, Baptist, Church of Christ, Latter Day Saints, Nazarene, Seventh Day Adventist, Pentecostal, Lutheran, Jehovah's Witnesses, Roman Catholic, United.

Shopping:

Supermarkets 3	Butchers 1
Craft 4	Photo 2
Drug stores 2	Antiques 1
Clothing/Sporting goods 8	Books 1
Hardware/Building supplies 4	Variety 2
Department 2	Flowers 2
Appliances/Furniture 4	Car dealers 2
Gas Stations 4	

Alcoholic Beverages:
Private liquor agency, licenced hours: daily except Sundays with meals only.

Media:
Radio: CBC Mackenzie, Yellowknife, CFYK 1340
Television: CBC Mackenzie channel 8, Mackenzie Media, channels 3, 6, 12.
Newspapers/Magazines: News of the North, Yellowknifer, weekly. Native Press, Northern News Report, bi-monthly Interpreter, The Northern Breed, monthly, Arctic in Colour, quarterly.

Housing: (figures are approximate)

1977	# Units	Price Range
Single family	1,100	\$ 70,000
Two family	26	\$100,000
Apartments	1,500	\$300 and up
Mobile Homes	437	new \$20-\$25,000 5 yrs. \$17-\$20,000
Row Housing	241	\$50,000
	3,330 units	
new serviced lots		\$10-\$20,000

Transportation:
5 transport firms
taxi service
bus service
4 car rental firms

Commercial Space:
offices \$8 - \$18 sq. ft., serviced.
warehouse \$8 and up

Employment 1977 [figures are approximate]

Industry	Employees	Type of Company
Mining	575	Gold mining
Manufacturing	65	Printing, crafts, etc.
Construction	175	Buildings, roads, etc.
Utilities	50	Power, phone, etc.
Transportation	250	Airlines, trucklines, etc.
Trade	600	Retail, hotel, trades, etc.
Finance	150	Banks, insurance, etc.
Education	70	Primary, secondary
Government	2,000	
	4,000	

Wages:
Minimum wage \$3.00 per hour.
Most wages for trades are equivalent to or slightly higher than Alberta Union negotiated rates.

Interested in Relocating?

Canadian Citizens:

A high rate of unemployment, the high cost and short supply of housing are obstacles to the newcomer to Yellowknife. In some cases a 60% northern hire rule disqualifies applicants. However a high turnover rate in some fields provides a relatively high number of job openings. Canadians considering moving to Yellowknife should try to obtain a job offer before arriving. (For more information, Canada Manpower, Box 1170, Yellowknife).

Citizens of other countries:

There is a very high rate of unemployment in the Northwest Territories. Tourists are not permitted to work in Canada, nor can foreign citizens apply for landed immigrant status here. If you are considering moving to Canada, make an application to the office of a Canadian Consul nearest you for landed immigrant status. Employers are liable to fines and imprisonment for hiring illegal immigrants.

Homesteading in the N.W.T.

At present there is no provision by the government for homesteading or for grants. Land may be obtained by lease for residential or commercial purposes. Applications must be made in person. (For further information, Department of Information, Government of the N.W.T., Yellowknife, N.W.T.).